The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton Secretary of State Department of State Washington, DC 20521-9100

Dear Madame Secretary,

I wish to extend to you, and through you to the people of American Samoa, my deepest condolences and sympathy following the recent powerful tsunami which has caused severe casualties and damage. We mourn the loss of so many lives and it is our sincere wish that the people in the affected areas will overcome the disaster and rebuild their homes as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Yang Jiechi Minister of Foreign Affairs People's Republic of China